



# ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN NEUROLOGISTS IN AMERICA



Join AINA in  
Boston, MA

## 34th AINA Annual Dinner – Boston, Massachusetts

We welcome you to join us and attend the AINA Annual meeting and dinner held during the AAN meeting on April 25th, 2017 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, Boston, MA. We look forward to connecting with colleagues, recognizing the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award winner and hearing from our special guest speakers.

**April 25, 2017**  
6:00 -10:00 p.m.

Sheraton Boston  
39 Dalton Street  
Boston, MA

**Register Online**  
[www.4aina.com](http://www.4aina.com)



Welcome to the Tarang, the Annual newsletter of the Association of Indian Neurologists in America. The Tarang complements our website ([www.4aina.com](http://www.4aina.com)) and monthly update emails in order to provide information about our organization, medical and professional topics, and upcoming professional meetings of interest to our readers. If you have any interesting events, awards, recognitions, activities to report about neurologist of Indian origin, please email a brief summary along with photographs to [aina@badgerbay.co](mailto:aina@badgerbay.co).

### President's Message



Welcome to this edition of Tarang, the news-letter of the Association of Indian Neurologists of America. I'm proud to have served the second year as President of this organization, which

is hosting the 34th Annual Dinner as an affiliate meeting of the American Academy of Neurology. The meeting will be held in the Sheraton Boston on Tuesday, 25th April 2017 at 6 PM, when AINA will award the Lifetime award to Dr. Kapil Sethi MD, an accomplished academic neurologist who has won many laurels and needs no introduction to our group.

As a charitable organization, AINA has been growing over the years with membership support from Neurologists of Indian origin. Our organization's growth has been organic and I need to commend the tireless voluntary effort of the former and present executive committee members and past presidents. In addition to the AAN endowment, the lifetime achievement award, we have been presenting residents and fellows travel support for their abstract presentations in the AAN annual meeting. The past few years have been terrific, with the epilepsy group of Indian origin taking the lead in conducting subsection meeting during the American Epilepsy Society annual conferences. The

Neuromuscular group led by Dr. Chaudhry and Dr. Namani, had its first subsection meeting in New Orleans in 2016. AINA is also encouraging similar AINA subsection meetings during other national subspecialty conferences. Please look out for these announcements on our website.

At an International level, AINA is partnering for the first time with the Indian Academy of Neurology and participating at a scientific level during the IAN annual meeting to be held in Chennai, India during September 2017. I request the AINA members to submit their research and help in building this partnership, as we explore conducting more exchange programs and fruitful collaborations between India and North America.

I sincerely hope that we make more progress and evolve to become an influential group promoting science, advocacy and service in the local community and India. Started by a group of forward-thinking pioneers, AINA has steadily grown and look forward to the Neurology community to do their bit to encourage our best young minds to take a more active role. I thank our sponsors, especially InfucareRX, the executive committee team and our management company Badger Bay Co for the hard work, support and look forward to meeting all of you in Boston.

**Ramesh Madhavan, MD, DM**



**Thank You to Our 2017  
Annual Meeting Sponsor: Infucare Rx**

**AINA 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award**



AINA congratulates Dr. Kapil D Sethi for being awarded the AAN 2017 Association of Indian Neurologists in America (AINA) Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Sethi is Director of the Movement Disorders Program and Professor of Neurology at Georgia Regents University where he has worked since 1985. He is recognized in US, India and internationally as a leader in field of movement disorders.

He has been a great supporter of Indian neurologists, both in India and in the United States, making CME presentations throughout India, and training residents and fellows in the U.S. Dr. Sethi has published 160 original papers and close to 30 book chapters; participated in numerous clinical trials in Parkinson’s; and served as Associate Editor of the journal Movement Disorders. He has served on the board of directors of AAN. Dr. Sethi was President of the AINA from 1999-2001 and is well known to all members of the AAN because of his role in development and then leadership in NeuroBowl as “judge”.

**Past Recipients of the AINA Lifetime Achievement Award**

- 2016 Mark Hallett, MD
- 2015 Pradeep Sahota, MD, FAAN, FAASM, FAES
- 2014 Avindra Nath, MBBS, FAAN
- 2013 Sakkubai Naidu, MD, FAAN
- 2012 Thomas R. Swift, MD, FAAN
- 2011 Omkar N. Markand, MBBS, MD, FRCP(C), FACP, FAAN
- 2010 Sudhansu Chokroverty, MD, FAAN
- 2009 Shrikant Mishra, MD, FAAN
- 2008 Walter G. Bradley, DM, FRCP, FAAN

*In 2007, the AAN Foundation partnered with the Association of Indian Neurologists in America (AINA) to create an award recognizing those who have been committed to advancing the Indian neurologic community. The AINA presented the AAN Foundation Chair Austin Sumner, MD, with a \$50,000 check to endow the award.*

The AINA Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a leader in neurology by her/his peers. The recipient will be a North American neurologist chosen based on her/his dedication in advancing the training of North American neurologists of Indian origin and promoting innovation and research in the field of neurology. The recipient will have supported Indian neurologists over a significant period of time in achieving meaningful progress toward expressed goals.

**Highlights from the 2016 AINA Annual Meeting**

The 33rd AINA Annual Meeting and Dinner was held April 19th, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Last year’s featured speaker was Mayank Goyal, MD, FRCPC, and gave his presentation: *Changing Acute Stroke Treatment: A Journey.*

Dr. Goyal is the Director of Research, Department of Diagnostic Imaging. His main research interests are: Imaging in hyperacute stroke, treatment strategies

for hyperacute stroke, image post-processing and teleradiology solutions, and minimally invasive MR guided procedures. His recent works include assessment of carotid stability on CT

angiography, use of iPhone to diagnose acute stroke, and increasing efficiency in treatment of hyperacute stroke.

He is a coinvestigator in the CATCH (CT And MRI in the Triage of TIA and minor Cerebrovascular events to identify High risk patients) study. He is also a coinvestigator in a recently submitted grant application, identifying novel approaches to optimizing arterial imaging interpretation for predicting and measuring recanalization whatever the treatment and to optimize parenchymal imaging interpretation for prediction of early neurological recovery after recanalization using Serial CT angiography, INTERRSeCT.



**Dr. Mark Hallett was given the 2016 AINA Lifetime Achievement award.**

Dr. Hallett is the Chief of the Human Motor Control Section, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. From 1976 to 1984, Dr. Hallett was the Chief of the Clinical

Neurophysiology Laboratory at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital and rose to Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. From 1984, he has been at the

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke where he also served as Clinical Director of NINDS until July 2000. He is past President of the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine and the Movement Disorder Society, past Vice-President of the American Academy of Neurology, and current President of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology and the Brainstem Society. His work mainly deals with principles of motor control and the pathophysiology of movement disorders. He has trained many Indian neurologists and lectured often in India. Recently he participated in the Inaugural meeting of the Movement Disorder Society of India.

The Annual meeting also gave out the AINA Trainee awards to Shivam Mittal, Ajay Goenka, and Rajbeer Sangha, respectively.

## AINA Trainee Awards History

In keeping with AINA's mission of advancing the training of neurologists and promoting research, the AINA Executive Committee has instituted the AINA Trainee Award for the annual meeting. The first awards were given in the 2013 annual meeting at San Diego, CA Residents or Fellows of Indian origin currently enrolled in a training program in North America, who are registered for the AINA annual meeting, and who are the 1st or senior author of an abstract presentation

at the 2017 American Academy of Neurology annual meeting, are eligible to apply for this award. The recipient will receive a check for \$500, free Life Membership (valued at \$500) and a recognition certificate at the AINA meeting.

AINA has announced the 2017 AINA Neurology Trainee Awards:

1st Place - Vamshi Krishna Sai Balasetti  
2nd Place - Deepak Gupta  
3rd Place (Tie) - Vasu Saini  
3rd Place (Tie) - Apratim Chatterjee

## Past Recipients of the AINA Neurology Trainee Award

2013 Dr. Pavan Bhargava  
Dr. Srikant Rangaraju  
Dr. Wazim Mohamed  
2014 Dr. Rajbeer Sangha  
Dr. Partha Ghosh  
Dr. Monika Mishra  
2015 --  
2016 Shivam Mittal  
Ajay Goenka  
Rajbeer Sangha

## Neurologists of Indian Origin in the News

*Global Health Section News – Written by Dr. Kiran T. Thakur and Dr. Omar Siddiqi*

The global health section within the American Academy of Neurology has seen rapid growth since its formation in 2011. The section now has over 350 members, and is one of the largest sections in the AAN. Formed by a group of neurologists who are pioneers in the field of global health, the global health section continues to provide a forum for those who support the advancement in neurological training, research, and patient care globally, particularly in low and middle income countries. The overall aims of the section are to promote 1) advocacy by building partnerships with existing organizations in order to initiate and support broad-based global efforts for the prevention and treatment of neurologic disorders; and 2) education by developing and supporting initiatives to build local capacity for neurologic training and research in LMICs. As the global burden of neurological disorders continues to grow, we have a fundamental role to improve the neurological care of patients worldwide. As vice chair of the AAN global health section for the last year, my chair (Omar Siddiqi, MD) and I have led several important efforts. We are working on efforts to develop a core curriculum for neurology training programs in resource-limited settings, and have assembled information on global neurology programs in the United States. In conjunction with the Neurology. Without Borders blog led by Gretchen Birbeck (<http://wb.neurology.org/>), we have conducted three podcasts

with leaders in global health including Roger Glass, Director of the Fogarty International Center, Victor Valcour, Co-Deputy Director, Global Brain Health Institute and Tarun Dua, Medical Officer, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, World Health Organization. Importantly, this year, an AAN International Task Force has been created by the AAN Board of Directors to make recommendations on an action plan concerning outreach to resource-limited countries or regions. The task force is chaired by Jim Bower and vice-chaired by Jerome Chin, and included several other global health section members including myself, Omar Siddiqi, David Clifford, Farrah Mateen, Ana Claire Meyer and Nirali Vora, as well as AAN staff and other AAN members. We met several times to formulate action plans to enhance global health, and have made several proposals which have been presented to the AAN Board of Directors. We have much work to be done, and we are excited to continue to work with colleagues to promote global health in neurology. We welcome all to our section.

You can join the AAN section on Global health at the following link: [www.aan.com/membership/sections/](http://www.aan.com/membership/sections/)

*Dr. Kiran Thakur is the Vice Chair of Global Health section and is a neurologist at Columbia University College. Contact her at [ktt2115@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:ktt2115@cumc.columbia.edu). Dr. Omar Siddiqi is the Chair of the Global Health Section and is the Director of the Global Neurology Program, Department of Neurology and Assistant Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. Contact him at [osiddiqi@bidmc.harvard.edu](mailto:osiddiqi@bidmc.harvard.edu).*



**Dr. Yogesh Kalkonde**, Diplomate American Board of Neurology, continues to lead efforts to reduce stroke in rural India.

Stroke is an underappreciated but emerging health problem in rural India and perpetuates poverty. Population level data on stroke burden in rural India are scarce.

Our studies at the Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health (SEARCH) in rural areas of Gadchiroli, one of the most underdeveloped and tribal districts of India, showed that stroke was the leading cause of death. Stroke accounted for one in seven deaths in this underdeveloped region. A subsequent study on the prevalence of stroke showed that there were close to 4 stroke survivors per 1000 population, a high number for a rural region.

Can the burden of stroke be reduced in rural areas of India and other developing countries? Well tested interventions to reduce the burden of stroke are lacking from rural parts of the developing world. We are trying to answer this question. We are currently running a Welcome Trust (UK) and Department of Biotechnology of (India) funded cluster randomized controlled trial in rural Gadchiroli to test the effect of a community-based program for cardiovascular risk reduction on stroke mortality. This program aims at detecting and controlling blood pressure among hypertensives, controlling blood glucose among diabetics and secondary prevention of stroke at the population level using algorithm-based treatment. This first-of-its-kind study will provide important information about stroke prevention in rural communities in India and other developing countries.

*Yogesh Kalkonde is a public health researcher at SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health) in Gadchiroli, India. You can follow his efforts on twitter: [@yogesh\\_kalkonde](https://twitter.com/yogesh_kalkonde)*

**Neurologists of Indian Origin in the News** (continued)

**Dr. Seemant Chaturvedi**, Professor of Clinical Neurology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Vice-Chair for VA Programs, co-authored two papers in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2016. The first was the Asymptomatic Carotid Trial I (ACT I), a study that compared carotid endarterectomy (CEA) with

carotid artery stenting (CAS) in asymptomatic patients under the age of 80. The second paper was the long-term results of the CREST study, a NIH-sponsored study comparing CEA vs. CAS in either symptomatic or asymptomatic patients.

Dr. Chaturvedi also serves on the executive committee of the CREST 2 study, a NIH-sponsored study that is comparing carotid revascularization (either CEA or CAS) with aggressive medical therapy in asymptomatic patients with carotid stenosis of 70-99%. Further details regarding the study are found at [www.crest2trial.org](http://www.crest2trial.org). Dr. Chaturvedi was renewed for another year as one of the Asst. Editors for STROKE.

*Dr. Chaturvedi will take over the role of the President of the AINA in 2017.*



**Dr. Shyam Prabhakaran**, Professor of Neurology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, serves as lead investigator for the Chicago-area Regional Coordinating Center of the NIH Stroke Trials Network (StrokeNet). Dr. Prabhakaran also serves on the StrokeNet Prevention workgroup. Finally, Dr. Prabhakaran leads the

Northwestern Stroke Quality and Outcomes Research Enterprise (SQORE) program.

The Northwestern Stroke Quality and Outcomes Research Enterprise (SQORE) harnesses the ingenuity of health service researchers at the Center of Healthcare Studies (CHS) including data scientists, engineers, and quality and implementation scientists along with the Northwestern Medicine Stroke Program leadership across the health system.

The Research Enterprise has 3 broad patient-oriented, clinically meaningful scientific aims to:

1. Develop and pilot novel decision aids, tools, and workflow interventions to improve delivery of time-sensitive treatments for stroke including tPA and mechanical embolectomy by increasing rate of treatment and reducing delays to treatment.
2. Utilize advanced data analytics, machine learning, and electronic infrastructure to reduce preventable complications after stroke, avoid medical errors in the emergency room and intensive care unit, and ensure optimal discharge planning for stroke patients to reduce readmissions after stroke.
3. Apply real-time quantitative brain imaging analysis and prognostic modeling for patient-specific ("personalized") outcome prediction of recovery after stroke and targeted interventions, partnering with the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab (formerly Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago), to enhance maximum recovery, reduce disability, and increase return to productivity and employment after stroke.



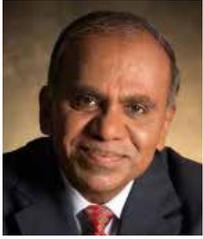
**Dr. Pooja Khatri** enters global arena as elected Board Member of World Stroke Organization. Pooja Khatri, MD, is the director of the Acute Stroke Program for the University of Cincinnati Stroke Team and a professor of neurology at the UC College of Medicine.

Khatri received her BSc with Honors (Biological Sciences) from Stanford University in 1995 and her MD with Honors from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 2000. After neurology training at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Khatri came to UC in 2004 to complete a vascular neurology fellowship through the NIH Specialized Program of Translational Research in Acute Stroke (SPOTRIAS). She joined the UC faculty in 2005, was awarded an NIH Career Development Award (K23) in 2006 and received the American Heart Association (AHA) Robert G. Siekert Young Investigator Award in 2008. She completed a master's degree in clinical epidemiology from the Harvard University School of Public Health in 2011.

Khatri is a dedicated clinician who provides neurological care to patients at the UC Medical Center and emergency stroke care at more than 15 area hospitals. Khatri was awarded the Cincinnati Business Courier's Forty under 40 Award in 2012. She has been recognized as a "Top Doctor in Cincinnati" by Cincinnati Magazine annually since 2011 and a "Best Doctor in the TriState Region" by Cincy Magazine annually since 2010.

Khatri is a recognized expert in acute stroke, the research of its treatments, clinical trial design/implementation and stroke systems of care. She participates in the leadership of several international multicenter clinical trials and leads UC's National Institutes of Health NEXT Network clinical site for pilot trials of neurosciences. She has been a standing member of the FDA Peripheral and Central Nervous System (PCNS) Drug Advisory Panel and has authored numerous manuscripts, books and clinical guidelines. She was one of three Americans elected to the board of the World Stroke Organization in 2016.

**Neurologists of Indian Origin in the News (continued)**



**Dr. Subra Suresh** is being recognized as a distinguished scientist of Indian origin by AINA. He served as the head of National Science Foundation then became the ninth president of Carnegie Mellon University in 2013. An eminent engineer and scientist, Suresh is the first and only university president to be elected to all three National Academies — the National Academy of Medicine (2013), the National Academy of Sciences (2012) and the National Academy of Engineering (2002). He is an alumnus of Indian Institute of technology and Massachusetts Institute of technology. Dr. Suresh’s research contributions at the intersections of engineering, physical sciences, life sciences, and medicine include delineation of important links between the mechanics of individual blood cells and human disease states like sickle cell disease and malaria.



**Dr. Pushpa Narayanaswami, MD, FAAN**, was the senior author on the International consensus guidelines for management of myasthenia gravis published by American Academy of Neurology. Narayanaswami received her medical degree from Bangalore Medical College in Bangalore, India. She works in the division of neuromuscular disease in the department of neurology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She was a resident in neurology at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences in Bangalore. She also completed intern and resident training in neurology and fellowship training in clinical neurophysiology and neuromuscular diseases at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, TN.



**Dr. Bijoy K Menon**, has been added to the editorial board of STROKE. He also received the 2016 Michael Pessin stroke leadership prize from the AAN. Dr. Menon is an Assistant Professor of Neurology at University of Calgary. His research interest include Collateral Circulation in Stroke, Vascular and Degenerative Dementia. His other distinctions include being

chosen as Calgary’s Top 40 under 20 in 2014.



**Dr. Aarti Sarwal** was nominated into the Board of Directors for American Society of Neuroimaging (ASN). She also received the Presidential Citation from Neurocritical Care Society 2015 and 2016. Dr. Sarwal is a neurocritical care physician and Medical Director of the Neurocritical Care unit at Wake Forest Baptist Health Center, Winston

Salem. She is actively involved in academic research and education and serves on the executive committee of AINA.

**Dr. Sajjan Nemami and Dr. Vinay Chaudhary** organized the first meeting of the neuromuscular section of AINA. This meeting was held to coincide with the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine meeting in New Orleans, LA. The AINA epilepsy section also held another successful meeting in Houston, TX coinciding with American Epilepsy Society Meeting.



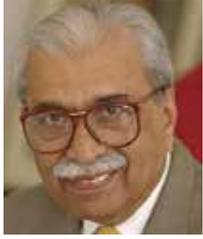
**Dr. Aneesh Singhal** was featured in a podcast discussing his article in Neurology on glucocorticoid associated worsening in reversible vasoconstriction syndrome. Link to the podcast: [www.aan.com/rss/search/home/episodedetail/?item=3219](http://www.aan.com/rss/search/home/episodedetail/?item=3219)



**Dr. Bala V Manyam** passed away last year. Dr. Manyam is one of the past presidents on AINA. Dr. Manyam completed a Neurology Residency and Pharmacology fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He established the Movement Disorders Clinic at the Wilmington Veteran’s Medical Center then at the Southern Illinois

University School of Medicine. He received research funding for ayurvedic drug development for neurological diseases. He then joined Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine, where he was awarded the Plummer-endowed position as Professor. He authored more

than 170 publications, including book chapters in the areas of movement disorders, ayurveda, general neurology, and the history of neurology. He served on the editorial board of Neuroepidemiology and Phytotherapy Research. He also served as a Member of the NIH study section in the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine. Dr. Thyagarajan Subramanian, Professor of Neurology at Penn State College of Medicine, worked closely with Bala for many years and collaborated with him on many of his research projects mentioned, “He was an exceptional neurologist and a meticulous scientist having pioneered some of the best studies to date of Ayurvedic medicines used in neurological diseases and was an authority on Fahr’s disease.”

**Neurologists of Indian Origin in the News (continued)****A Tribute to Noshir Hormusji Wadia, MD, FRCP, FNA, FANA (1925–2016)**

Author: Dr. S M Katrak, MD, DM, FRCPE,  
Director – Department of Neurology,  
Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre &  
Professor Emeritus – Grant Medical  
College and Sir JJ Group of Hosp

Sunday the 10th April 2016, was a sad day not only for Indian Neurology but also for the international neurology community. On this day, Prof. Noshir Wadia, universally regarded as the founder of contemporary Indian neurology died at the age of 91 years.

Noshir Wadia was born on the 20th January 1925 in Surat to Dina and Hormusji Wadia in a middle income timber merchant family. He always wanted to be a doctor and pursued his premedical education at St. Xaviers school and college. In 1943, he joined the Grant Medical College and the Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals and completed his UG and PG studies by 1950. In those days, MRCP was considered the gold standard for any physician and also a very big challenge. He successfully cleared the MRCP (London) at the first attempt in March 1952. Between 1952 and 1956 he pursued his neurology training in the UK, initially under Mr. G.F. Rowbotham in the department of neurosurgery, Newcastle General Hospital and then under the legendary neurologist Sir Russell Brain at the Maide Vale and London Hospital. He was the first Asian to be appointed a registrar in London Hospital.

At the age of 32 years, he set up the department of neurology at his Alma Mater when there were very few dedicated neurologists in Asia. He worked in an honorary capacity and established the department in spite of being inundated with work, paucity of funds and equipment and in the days of the license raj. Yet, he found time to identify and document the prevalence of local and unique diseases to build up a regional neurological nosology, later documented in his book "Neurological Practice: An Indian Perspective". His seminal contributions have been the identification of a new adult polio

like illness following acute haemorrhagic conjunctivitis in 1971 – later designated as EV-70 disease. An astute clinician, his outstanding research in identifying an autosomal dominant cerebellar ataxia with slow eye movements – later designated as SCA2 – has been exemplary and has led to an insight into many other neurodegenerative conditions.

In 1973, he was appointed as the Director of the Department of Neurosciences at JHRC. Again this department was recognized by the National and International Neurology community as one of the centers of excellence in India.

Through his teaching, he has attracted medical students to neurology as is now recognized as a mentor to hundreds of practicing neurologists globally. He has treated thousands of patients with care and concern laced with elegant bedside manners. Those who met him invariably came away impressed by the depth of his knowledge of neurology and science and the natural courtesy he displays towards people from all walks of life. He has been the recipient of many awards which he has accepted humbly. He served the World Federation of Neurology in many capacities and his services to the WFN were fully recognized when he became the first recipient of the WFN gold medal for Services to Neurology at the World Congress of Neurology, Bangkok in October 2009 – a benchmark achievement. On 26th January 2012, the Government of India recognized his services to neurology by conferring the Padma Bhushan award to him.

He is survived by his wife Piroja, two brothers, two step sons, their wives and four grandchildren.

We, his students and colleagues, feel that he was a caring doctor, educator, a role model, a mentor, a researcher and above all a good human being. It is said that good people bring out the good in people and Dr. Wadia was a perfect example of this saying.

He will remain in our hearts, always loved, immensely missed but never forgotten. May his soul rest in peace.

**Become a Member of AINA!**

*Becoming a member of the Association of Indian neurologists is easy!! AINA membership gives you a precious opportunity of networking with other neurologists of Indian origin. It gives you access to member only listserv.*

**Active/Annual membership** applies to a person who shall hold a MD, DO, PhD (or equivalent), have accredited training in Neurology, Neuroscience or Neurosurgery and have an active interest in activities of the Association. Annual dues are \$100/year.

**Life Membership** applies to a person who shall meet all of the requirements of Active membership and pay one time fees of \$500.

**Senior membership** applies to a person who shall be fully retired active members who have been in good standing for at least one year. Annual dues are \$50.

AINA is a dynamic organization that was set up to bring together neurologist of Indian origin for a common goal of promoting patient care, teaching and research. Your feedback into the ongoing efforts of the association to achieve this goal is extremely important to us. For any feedback about the organization, website, newsletter or your wish to contribute, please email below or use the link through the AINA website.

**Association of Indian Neurologists in America (AINA)**  
C/O 563 Carter Court, Suite B,  
Kimberly, WI 54136 USA  
Email: [aina@badgerbay.co](mailto:aina@badgerbay.co)  
Web: [www.4aina.com](http://www.4aina.com)

### World Stroke Congress Update

World Stroke Congress was held in Hyderabad, India in October 2016. The congress attracted acclaimed experts in stroke from around the world. Scientific and educational sessions covering the continuum of stroke care were a feature with particular emphasis on the issues related to stroke care in the South Asian region. The World Stroke Organization (WSO) is the world's leading organization in the fight against stroke. It was established in October 2006 through the merger of the International Stroke Society and the World Stroke Federation with the purpose of constituting one world voice for stroke. Today, WSO has more than 2,600 individual members and over 60 society members from 85 different countries.



*Dr. Andrei Alexandrov teaching a transcranial Doppler workshop at the World Stroke Congress.*



*MV Padma Srivastava who won India's highest civilian honor Padma Shri in 2016 speaking at the World Congress.*



### 2016 Annual Meeting



*2016 Annual Meeting - Lifetime Achievement Award - Mark Hallett, MD*



*2016 Annual Meeting - Trainee Award Winner - Shivam Mittal*





## Join AINA in Boston, MA

### WHEN

April 25, 2017

6:00 PM - Reception

7:00 PM - Program

8:00 PM - Dinner & Meeting

### LOCATION

Sheraton Boston Hotel

39 Dalton Street

Boston, MA

### REGISTRATION

- **Regular Attendee**  
\$50.00 (USD)
- **Members In-Training**  
\$25.00 (USD)
- **Neurologists visiting from India**  
Free
- **Life Members**  
Free

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Special Guest Speaker**  
Doctor Joe Fritz
- **Presentation of AINA Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **Recognition of AINA trainee award winner**

## 34th Annual Meeting of Association of Indian Neurologists in America

Make plans now to attend the AINA Annual meeting and dinner held during the AAN meeting on April 25th, 2017 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Please register yourself and guests today!

We look forward to connecting with colleagues, recognizing the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award winner and hearing from our special guest speakers.



Register  
Online

<http://www.4aina.com>

## Please mark your dates for the 1st Joint Indian Academy of Neurology and Association of Indian Neurologists Meeting

Chennai, Sep 7-10, 2017

Details forthcoming at [www.4aina.com](http://www.4aina.com)



INDIAN ACADEMY OF  
**NEUROLOGY**